# AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE GROUP 2839 PATENT APPLICATION

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For: OPTICAL FIBER CABLE WITH CUSHION MEMBERS PROTECTING OPTICAL

FIBER RIBBON STACK (As Amended)

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2003<sup>1</sup>, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Since the due date of December 26, 2003 fell due on a federal holiday, and December 27-28, 2003 fell on a weekend, this Amendment is being timely filed on the next business day of Monday, December 29, 2003.